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Description

These documents, which cover the period December 1897-August 1898, consist of letters from Lewis A. Miller (1863-1943) to his parents Lewis and Mary Valinda Miller and to his sister Mina Miller Edison. Included are letters written from Honolulu, in which Lewis discusses the impending annexation of Hawaii and the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. Various members of the influential Judd family, including longtime Chief Justice Albert F. Judd, are mentioned in these letters. Other topics include visits to Glenmont, the Edison home in West Orange; the death of Theodore W. Miller in Cuba; and the quarantine of John V. Miller at Montauk, New York.

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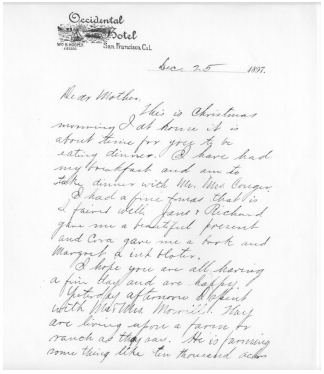

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Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Conger, Emily Bronson (Mrs Arthur L.)
- Conger, Arthur Latham
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Margaret

Date
1897-12-25

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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Wm B. HOOPER LESSEE
San Francisco, Cal.

Dec. 25 1897.

Dear Mother,

This is Christmas morning I at home it is about time for you to be eating dinner. I have had my breakfast and am to take dinner with Mr. Mrs. Conger.

I had a fine Xmas that is I faired well. Jane & Richard gave me a beautiful present and Cora gave me a book and Margret a ink stater.

I hope you are all having a fine day and are happy.

Yesterday afternoon I spent with Mr & Mrs. Morrill. They are living upon a farm or ranch as they say. He is farming some thing like ten thousand acres

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Wm B. HOOPER LESSEE
San Francisco, Cal.

1897.

but not all in one place. His son is upon one place and he on the other.

They wished to be remembered to you and Jane and the rest of you all. I have not received a letter from you for some time and not one since I have written you from here. I think you could telegraph me often as it dont not cost any thing, but I shall be away by that time you get this little.

I do not look upon the sail next week with much pleasure. It will soon be over. I have very little to tell you today, but I will like

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to be with you today.

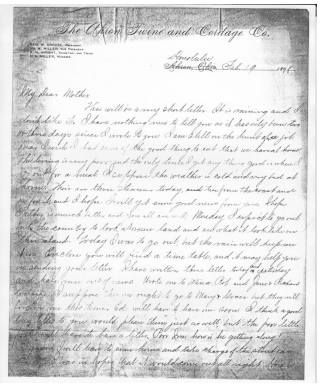
Now you must injoy every thing and do not work and get sick. You must keep up & depend upon you to keep me up.

Give my love to all and tell them to write.

With a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

With lots of Love.

Yours Aff. Son,
Lewis



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[X104NB], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, February 19th, 1898

Title
[X104NB], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, February 19th, 1898

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1898-02-19

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Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel

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The Akron Twine and Cordage Co.

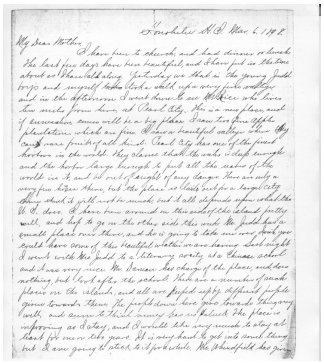
GEO. W. CROUSE, PRESIDENT.
IRA M. MILLER, VICE PRESIDENT.
R. H. WRIGHT, SECRETARY AND TREAS.
E. A. MILLER, MANAGER.

Honolulu
~~Akron, Ohio.~~ Feb. 19 1898

My Dear Mother

This will be a very short letter. It is raining and I don't like it. I have nothing new to tell you as it has only been two or three days since I wrote to you. I am still on the hunt of a job. Dear I wish I had some of the good thing to eat that we have at home. The living is very poor and the only time I get any thing good is when I go out for a meal. I suppose the weather is cold and very bad at home. There are three steamers today, ~~and~~ two from the coast and one for it, and I hope I will get some good news from you. I hope Father is much better and you all are well. Monday I expect to go out into the country to look at some land and see what it look like on this island. Today I was to go out, but the rain will keep me in. Enclose you will find a time table, and it may help you in reading your letter. I have written three letter today and yesterday and have seen out of news. Wrote one to Mina, Rob. and Jane & Richard today. I suppose this one ought to go to Mary & Grace but they will forgive me this time. Ed. will have to have me soon. I think a good long letter to you would please them just as well, but the poor little folks will have to have a letter. Poor Dan, how is he getting along? I guess I will have to come home and take charge of the street car line. I was in hopes that it would come out all right. How is

Kenyon Conger commingout. If you could only cut out some things in the paper and send them to me I would like it. I suppose every thing is quiet at Akron. and Mary & Grace are at home every night. Tonight there is a amateur entertainment, by the society people, but I dont know as I will go. I guess I will stop for a while, Good by. Dear Mother. I have been out walking and inquiring into different thing, and have gotten back and have had a good bath and clean clothes on and feel quite happy, only I did not get a letter from you this mail. I got one from Father, and was glad to hear from him. When you get my letter about coffee I hope you will understand why I did not go into it. I am now look into the fruit business and want to locate near here. I think there is more money in fruit than coffee and will look into it. You see no one has toyed ~~any~~ fruit on a large scale, and it grows here nicely. It will come in about the time the fruit in the states are over and I would get good prices for it. It is very hard to get at things as no one know about these thing. but I expect to look well before I go into it. Well, Dear Mother do you realize that I have been akway about three months. It make me feel homesick to think of it. Father said in his letter that Dr. Willey was have meetings at the church. I hope he will do lot of good for the church. Remember me to Dr & Mrs. Willey also any other that inquire about me. I think I look upon every thing quite well, and I hope I wont be a disappointment to you all. I dont want to give up ~~yet~~, but some time I think I will. I think there is money to be made down here, but it takes money to make it. I know it take time for Coffee or any other thing, but what is a fellow to do, when it cost more than they say it does. I could not do as I wanted to do when I left home so have to do the next best thing. I am afraid you all are watching me and expect to much of me. Father says so at least. I hope to make a success. and will be pleased with myself if I don't. I am like a fish out of water. This afternoon has been beautiful, but it rained so hard, that I gave up the trip into the country. I hope Father will write me often I like to hear from you all, but my letter are so poor that I don't wonder you don't like to answer them. Mother write just a few line every day, and then it wont be so hard for you. If I don't get a letter from you each mail, I get homesick. This is the first one you have missed. Hope you and all are well. With ever so much love to you and all. Your Affectionate Son



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[X104NC], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, March 6th, 1898

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Miller, Elizabeth
- Judd, James Robert
- Judd, Albert Francis
- Judd, Agnes Boyd (Mrs Albert F.)
- Judd, Bill
- Julia (Cook)
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Miller, Margaret

Date
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Subject

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Honolulu H. I. Mar. 6. 1898

My Dear Mother,

I have been to church, and had dinner or lunch. The last few days have been beautiful, and I have put in the time about as I have said along. Yesterday we that is the young Judd boys and myself ~~[illegible]~~ took a walk up a very fine valley and in the afternoon I went down to see Mr Rice who lives ten miles from here, at Pearl City. This is a new place, and if annexation comes will be a big place. I saw two Pine Apple plantations which are fine. I saw a beautiful valley where they can't raise fruits of all kinds. Pearl City has one of the finest harbors in the world. They claim that the water is deep enough and the harbor large enough to put all the navies of the world in it, and be out of sight of any danger. There are only a very few houses there, but the place is laid out for a large city. Some think it will not be much, but it all depends upon what the U. S. does. I have been around on this side of the island pretty well, and hop to go on the other side this week. Mr. Judd has a small place over there, and he is going to take me over. I wish you could have some of this beautiful weather we are having. Last night I went with Mrs. Judd to a literary society at a Chinese school and it was very nice. Mr. Damon has charge of the place, and does nothing, but look after the school. There are a number of such places on the islands, and all are kept up by different people given towards them. The people down here give towards things very well, and seem to think money has no value. The place is improving as I stay, and I would like very much to stay at least for me or two years. It is very hard to get into some thing but I am going to stick to it for a while. Mr. Whindfield has given

has given up and has gone back home. I did not like him very much. He had to high opinion of himself. I don't think he like this place right from the start. Quite a number of people have left, that were down here for the winter. I met some and asked them what they thought of the place for a fellow like me to locate. Some though that it was a good place while others though that the states had just as good opening as the island. I had one man tell me, that if I was to stay, I would find I would have to learn thing all over. He met in a business way. He also said if I started into fruit or Coffee I would be running a great risk. He has traveled over the world and has had experience in warm climet. I have looked up every thing I think, but have not yet got any thing to do. I don't like to give up, but have look over the ground pretty well. Some how I can't find the right man or I don't know how to ask. I hope you and all are well, and that the weather will soon be pleasnt. I think Ed. had better go down and settle Cuba. I hope we won't have war. This is a very place to be if we have. I will get out, if war does come. We don't know what is going on, and don't get mail for about fifteen days. I am beginning to get use to the long time between boats, but it is hard. Tomorrow I go out and look again for work after a day or two of rest. Mrs. Judd wished me to remember her to you, and hoped some day you could come out to see her. She is a fine ladie and I am trading now with them. Every letter almost from their son James has some thing to say about Ted. They want me to have Ted come home with Janice when he comes. I think he come a year from this summer. They have four boys out east two at Yale and one in New York and one some other place. They have great fun

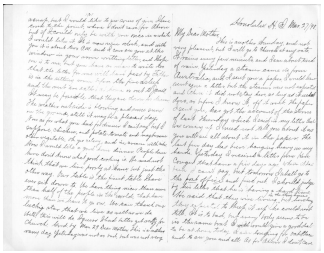
when they are all at home. Each have a horse and go off on long rides. Well, Mother dear, I will have to cut this letter short. The next one will be along me. I hope you and Father and all are well. Give my love to Richard & Jane. also Ed. Mary & Grace. Da & Cora. & Children. Remember me to Julia & Charlie. also to any one that inquires about me.

I hope in the next letter I will be able to tell you that Dave at work.

With ever so much love.

Your Affe. Son.

Lewis.



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[X104ND], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, March 27th, 1898

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[X104ND], Letter from Lewis Alexander Miller to Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis) Miller, March 27th, 1898

Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Conger, Kenyon Bronson
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Jane Eliza

Date
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Subject

- Edison-Miller family
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a snap, but I would like to see some of you. I have come to the point, where I don't care for Above but if I could only be with you once in a while I would like it. It is now nine o'clock, and with you it is about two P.M. and I can see you at the window in your room writting letter, and I hope one is to me, but you have so many to write too that the letter for me will have past by. Father is in the sitting room before the fire asleep and the rest are either at home or out to Jones. It may be possible that they are down to dinner. The weather outside is blowing, and some snow on the ground, still it may be a pleasant day. Now as for what you had for dinner I can't say, but I suppose chicken, and potato-tomato and may be some other vegetable, oh yes celery, and ice cream with cake. How I would like a good home dinner. People down here don't know what good cooking is. We need not think that we live poorly at home, but just the other way. Our table is the finest table I have ever sit down to. We have thing nicer than more than half of the people in the world, that have more than we have to go on. We can thank our lucky star that we live as well as we do.

Well, this will do. I guess I had better get ready for Church. Good by. Mar. 29. Dear Mother. This is another rainy day. Yesterday was not so bad, but was not very

Honolulu H. I. Mar. 27/98.

My Dear Mother,

This is another Sunday, and not very pleasant, but I will go to Church at any rate. It rains every few minutes, and I am about tired of rain. Yesterday a steamer came in from Australia, and I sent you a paper. I would have sent you a letter, but the steamer was not expected and then it did not stay here, as long as it usually does, so before I know it, off it went. The paper I sent you, has got the account of the storms of last Thursday which I said in my letter that was coming up. I need not tell you about it as you will see all about it in the paper. The last few day has been hanging heavy on my hands. Yesterday I received a letter from Rev. Cowger that came a few days ago, where it has been I can't say, but tomorrow I shall go to the post office and find out. I should judge by his letter that he is having a hard time. He said that they were living in the stone house, but how long they expected to keep it up he could not tell. It is to bad, but every body seems to be in the same boat. I would give a good deal to be at home today. I am longing for Oak Place and to see you and all. As for Above I don't care

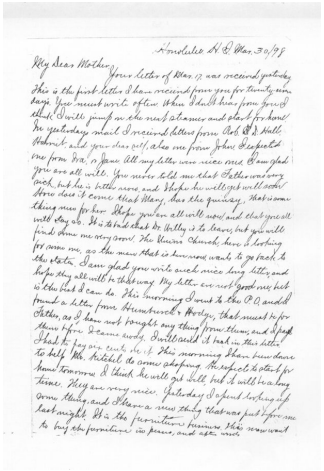
pleasant. There is a steamer in bound for Alaska and I think will take mail, so I am hurrying up so as I can send this letter to you. Last night I was invited by Mr. Lee's people to go to a Chinease theater, which was great fun. It was the first thing I have seen of the kind. Of course I could not understand but we had fun. Today we expect to go out for a bath if nothing happens. I spent yesterday looking up different things, but I have about stoped, and have given up. I think I shall leave Honolulu and go to Washington. People down here are nice but don't care to help me much of any. Every thing I speak about they through cold water on me. I am going to Washington, if I go, different than I came here. I will not have a letter to any one and go there not know but one. I think Al. Farrah is some place in the state. I will look him up. I will take the first thing that I can get. I said in my other letter that I would not say any thing about work in my other letter so I must keep my word. If you remember I said in one of my first letter, that I could not see why U. S. or these Island wanted to be annex. I still think the same, and I know see what benefit U. S. will

get by having them. There is very little that can be raised upon them. Sugar is the big thing and that is what the people are mostly interested in. Now if I could get into sugar I think I could do quite well, but there is no opening just now. Tomorrow I will get some mail from you I hope. Won't I be glad to get back to the states. I would like to stay here, but I am getting tired, and would like to get some place where I can hear from home oftener. Mr. & Mrs. Kitchell starts for home Thursday. They are very nice, and he said if I did not succeed to come to his place. Mein. I will miss them as I drop in to see them each day, and he and I talk over different things together. He tells me that this is no place for me. Well Mother Dear, there will be another boat Thursday, so will stop here, and try and get another little off on the next steamer. Give my love to all. Hope you and all are well. Remember me to all.

With much Love

P.S. I find that this steamer don't take the mail. The China will be in, in about two hours. If I hear the Lewis mail from the east and I expect a letter from you. If I don't get one, I will stop writing to you. Lewis

Yours Aff. Son.



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Author
Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

Mentioned

- Judd, Albert Francis
- Judd, Agnes Boyd (Mrs Albert F.)
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Health and medicine
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Honolulu H. I. Mar. 30/98

My Dear Mother,

Your letter of Mar. 17, was received yesterday. This is the first letter I have received from you for twenty-seven days. You must write often. When I don't hear from you I think I will jump on the next steamer and start for home. In yesterdays mail I recived letters from Rob. W. S. Hall, Harriet, and your dear self, also one from John. I expected one from Ora, or Jane. All my letter were nice ones. I am glad you are all well. You never told me that Father was very sick, but he is better now, and I hope he will get well soon. How does it come that Mary, has the quinsy, that is some thing new for her. I hope you are all well now, and that you all will stay so. It is to bad that Dr. Willey is to leave, but you will find some one very soon. The Union Church, here is looking for some one, as the man that is here now, wants to go back to the states. I am glad you write such nice long letter, and hope they all will be that way. My letter are not good one, but is the best I can do. This morning I went to the P. O. and I found a letter from Humbuech & Hodge, that must be for Father, as I have not bought any thing from them, and I paid them before I came away. I will send it back in this letter. I had to pay six cents on it. This morning I have been down to help Mr. Kitchel do some shoping. He expect to start for home tomorrow. I think he will get well, but it will be a long time. They are very nice. Yesterday I spent looking up some thing, and I have a new thing that was put before me last night. It is the furniture business. This man want to buy the furniture in pieces, and after words

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put it togather here. He want to make a compeny of twenty-five thousand dollars, and asked me to take charge of it. I have not looked it up very much, but will before I take much stock or any position. There is lot of thing that have been put to me, but I don't like very many of them. All take money, or some thing that I don't like. I am in hopes I will find some thing before. It takes time, and I am so far away, that to look up one thing, I have to write to the states. Well, I suppose you had a fine time while Mina was at home. I hope the will will turn out in good shape, and Mina will get rich, also all of you, that have stock in it. I suppose you will have John with you by the time you get this letter. His letter to me was a good one, and I am glad to hear from him. Some day I will write to him. I don't write to very many people but, I must have some thing to do, and I fill in the time by writting to a few. P. D. letter was very good, and he gives me quite a lot of news. Rob. is still full of Georgia. Well, I think the south is a good place. He still thing of only one thing, and that is going into a new town, or country, and raise thing for the market. That is all aight, but why not get in to a good Company, and work for a salary, untill some thing turns up better. Now, I have any idea, that Rob. would do well in an office. I can't do that kind of work, so it is very hard for me to get a job. I know how hard to get a position at home or here, but if Rob would only take the first thing that was any where good he would come out all right. Good men like Rob. are hard to find. Mr. W. R. Castle sent over to Cal, for a good office man, and ever little while, some one want a good man in an office some where in the states. I have given up trying to work for my self. I must work for a salary, and then after awhile, I can start for myself. Well, enough of this.

I thought some of leaving Honolulu, but some how I can't give it up. I have not been here long but it is no place to be, unless you are busey. I will not give up quite yet, all my letters yesterday cheered me up some, and I will put all my strength to work again. Pat. said that Ed. had decided to pluck away at home, well, that is all right, and sometimes I wish I had stayed at home, but I will get my living some way. It is hard at first but I have gotten use to asking for a job. It come easy after you go around for a few days. Your letter would indicate that you are having fine weather. I think the rain down here is about over and we will soon have warmer weather. I will have to dress a little different, when it come, but will not spend much money. I don't through that away just now. Some day I hope I will be able to do a little more for you, but it will take time. You may think I don't miss you, but you are mistaken for the longer I stay away from home the more I miss you. I need a good woman to do some mending before long. I am glad you don't have mend my clothes as you use to, because you have done that all you life. and not I must look for some one to do it. Darling I don't mean that this is the only way I miss you, but the least. I can see you now sitting in the room sewing at some thing, and never idle. I miss you so not being able to do up packages for you, also by not being able to love you and kiss you. It is hard, but some day I will be back to see you. Well, the steam is in that takes the mail, and it goes out at nine tonight. I have nothing more to say only that Mr. & Mrs. Judd wishes to be remembered to

you. I am well taking care of, and you need not worry about me. I may be over to the States before long and then if any thing happens, we can telegraph.

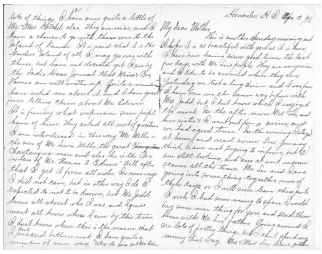
Now, I guess I had better get ready for dinner. and then I must take down the letter so it will get off. Give my love to all, and keep a lot for yourself. I am well. Remember me to all that inquire about me. With much love

Lewis. Your. Aff. Son,

P. S. I have just heard that Mr. & Mrs. Ritchel can't get a state room on this steamer, so they are not going, they will have to wait until the twentieth. I have been helping them some today, but now they can't go, so I will see more of them.

With Love

Lewis



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Miller, Lewis Alexander

Recipient
Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)

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- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Miller, Grace A
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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Honolulu H. I. Apr. 3. 98.

My Dear Mother,

This is another Sunday morning, and I hope it is as beautiful with you as it is here. I have been having some good times the last few days, with Mr. Lewis people. They are very nice and I like to be around where they are. Yesterday we took a long drive and I was fine I have been over the same way before with Mrs. Judd, but I don't know which I enjoyed the most. In the after noon Mrs. Lee, and here sister & I went out for a rowing, and we had a good time. In the evening I stayed at home and read some. Now, you may think I am not trying to improve, but I am still looking, and am at work in some course all the time. Mr. Lee and I are going into some thing together, one of these days, or I will soon leave these parts. I wish I had some money to spare I would buy some nice thing for you, and send them home with Mr. Lee, Father. Going around I see lots of pretty things, but I can't spend my money that way. Mrs. & Miss Lee have gotten

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lots of things. I have seen quite a little of Mr. & Mrs. Mitchel also. They are nice, and I have a chance to go with them over to the Island of Kauai. It is said that it is the Garden Island of all. I may go over with them, but have not decided yet. I saw by the Ladies Home Journal that Nina & Bro. Thomas are well written up. Quite a number have asked me about it, and I have great fun telling them about Mr. Edison.

It is funny what impression some people have of him. They asked all sort of questions. I am introduced in this way. "Mr. Miller is the son of Mr. Lewis Miller the great ~~Chautauqua~~ Chautauqua man, and also he is the Bro. in-law of Mr. Thomas A. Edison." Well, after that I get it from all sides. In some ways I did not care, but in other way I do. I expected to not to be known, but Mr. Judd knew all about who I was, and I guess most all know whose I am by this time. I don't know where this is the reason that I ~~don't~~ succeed better or not. I have quite a number of men say. "Why do you get Mr. Edison

to give you some work." V. "I should think you would get in with Mr. Edison. He ought to give you some thing to do." I have that quite often, but I don't think it hurts me. The ~~the~~ truth is I don't think they care a straw for me, and I think they think, I have lots of money, and am just looking for a place, just while I am down here. Quite a number of young fellows come down here for the winter, and then go back. But they don't get a place, so they go back. I have got a nice thing now. There is about four or five million burlap bags used here in a year, and they all come from ~~Calcutta~~ Calcutta India. Now if the island are annexed some one is going into this business, and make some money. They can be made here as cheap as in U. S. and I am looking this up. I have talked with old Mr. Lee about it, and he said that it was the best thing that has be put to him since he came. His son want to get into some thing, and he said that he thought that they would go in with

me if we found that it would pay. It would take some money, and I think Mr. Lee has enough, and he is a honest man. I have look it up some but not enough yet. Well, Dear Mother, I think this will do for now. I must start a letter to Rob. and Jane, & Rich also to Mina. I ought to write to Mary & Grace and I will before long. The mail don't go, until the twelfth. So I have a chance to write to them. It is 9-30 A. M. and church is at eleven, so I must get ready. Good by. Apr. 5. Yesterday I spent the day looking up burlap bags, and after figuring a little I found I could not compete with Calcutta, so have to give that up. I don't want to give up the Island, but it look very much as if I will have to. last night I took a long walk. Miss Judd got up a party to go up Punchbowl by moon light. It is beautiful, and the band was playing in one of the Parks down below. (I write to fast.) This place is above the town and you get a beautiful view from there of the town, and sea. It is one of the thing to take in, and I was glad I went. To day I don't know what I will do, but some thing will turn up. Good by.

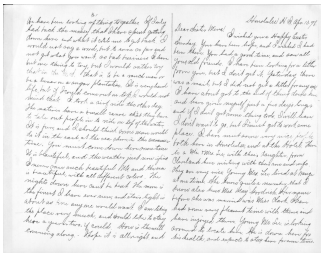
Apr. 7. Dear Mother, the last two day have been beautiful. day before yesterday I went up the Pali with the Leis, and it was beautiful. In the evening Mrs. Person invited me for a moon light bicycle ride, and it was fine. We went out to Diamond Head and the Mt. was beautiful. Yesterday I spent in looking around and trying to find some thing to do. In the evening I went and got Mrs. Kitchel and took her out on her wheel. Today the ladies of this house are invited out to Mr. Waterhouse's country home, so Mr. Pratt, and I are alone. I think I will take lunch down town so I may come back here. Tomorrow Mr. W. R. Castle people have invited me to go with them to there country home up the Pali as you see I have a good time if I don't get some thing to do. We are all worked up about war. A mail boat came in yesterday from the coast, and had the new that war was a sure thing, and right near at hand. It may be you are having war now. We have mail tomorrow or next day. Well, I will stop for now. Good by. Apr. 10. I wish you a Happy Easter Sunday. I hope the day is as beautiful with you as it is here. I am still at sea Mother, and have given myself a few days longer, and then will strake for some other place. I have had a good time, and also have tryed my best for a place to get work, but I will have get out of here soon if I don't get some thing to do. Good by.

Love to all, and hope you are well.
I hope to hear from you tomorrow.
I hope Father is well. and every thing is bright with him.

With much love
Your Aff Son
Lewis.

Apr. 14. Dear Mother, Yesterday the mail came and I did not hear from you. It has been about four week now since I have heard from you. I wish you would write often. You can telegraph to Hooker & Co San Fr. Cal. and they can forward it by mail on the steamer.
I sent you a time table so you can see what time the steamer sail.
I would take this steamer today and go to the coast if I thought there was war. I tell you it is hard to be away so far where we don't know what is going on in the outside world. I had a nice letter from Richard. and that was all I hope things are bright with you and Father. Good by. Love Lewis

Apr. 11. Dear Mother, This is a beautiful morning, and I hope you are having nice weather. Every one you will have thing green and then things will look fine. I have nothing new to tell, and I don't think of any thing to say. Mr. Lis people leave for home tomorrow, and I wish I were going with them. If the steamer brings us news that war is on I think I will leave on the next steamer for the states. where I can see and hear what is going on. I have said right along the U. S. was good enough for me, and I think Home is about as good a place as we would wish to live in. Still I don't care to go back, but if we could put our home in some clean and nice place I would like that. I think I will settle down in the states some where. This place is to far off. I want to settle some place where you and Father can come and see me, also the rest of them. Well, Mother I don't know what more to say. I will finish up in the morning. Good by. Apr. 12 Nothing new. Am well. Have given myself until May 1. and if I don't get a job by that time will go back to the coast. Remember me to all inquiring friend



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Honolulu H. I. Apr. 13. 98.

Dear Sister Mina.

I wished you a Happy Easter Sunday. You have been hope, and I wished I had been there. You had a good time, and saw all your old friends. I have been looking for a letter from you, but I don't get it. Yesterday there was a mail, but I did not get a letter from any one. I have about got to the end of thing down here and have given myself just a few days longer and if I don't get some thing to do. I will leave. I don't want to go, but I must get to work some place. I have met some very nice people both here in Honolulu, and at the Hotel. There is a Mr. & Mrs. Lee, with their daughter, from Cleveland here visiting with their son and wife. They are very nice. Young Mrs. Lee lived at Bangs at one time. She knows quite a number that I know also knew Mrs. May Goodrich. Her name before she was married was Miss Clark. I have had some very pleasant time with them, and have injoyed them. Young Mr. Lee is looking around to locate here. He is down here for his health, and expects to stay here for some time.

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We have been working up thing together. If I only had back the money that I have spent getting down here and what it cost me to get back. I would not say a word, but to come so far and not get what you want, so bad business. I have but one thing to try, but I would rather try that in the U. S. that is. to be a ranch man or be a luna on a sugar plantation. It is very hard life, but if I could come out on top, I would not mind that. I took a ride the other day. The natives have a small canoe that they have to take out people in to ride on top of the water. It is fun, and I should think some man would do it in the east, at the sea shore, in the summer time. You must come down here some time It is beautiful, and the weather just now is fine I never saw such beautiful Mts, and the sea is beautiful, with all different colors. The nights down here can't be beat. The moon is the finest I have ever seen, and their light is about as fine any one would want. I am liking the place very much, and would like to stay here a year or two. if could. How is the mill comming along. I hope it is all right, and

and you will soon see more of Thomas A.
He ought to have a good thing out of it, if
hard work counts for any thing. Yesterday I
took in some horse racing with Mr. Lees people.
It was not much but it passed the afternoon
off very nicely. Friday Mr. Castles people
invited me to go with them out to their
Country home up the Pali. It was fine and
we had a good time. I written so fully about
the Island, I don't know what more I can
say. I suppose you think I run around
to much but you must remember I am on
an Island and there is nothing going on but
sight seeing, and if I did not explore some
of these thing I would not know any thing
about the people or Island. If I had work I
could not do as I do, but I must fill in
and improve the chances. I have tryed
for a job, but nothing has opened up yet.
Well, Dear Sister, I guess I will stop and
finish after Church. Goodby Well, I have
been to Church and had lunch. The Church

was very pretty, and quite a number out. The
people down here wear white most all the time.
I don't know of a place where the ladies have such
pretty white dress. It summer the year round and
they wear pretty white at most every thing.
I went with Mrs. Kitchel to Church. Her husband is
not well and does not go out much. She is a
fine ladie and full of fun. Mr. Kitchel is
very nice. This week the young people of Mr.
Judds family go over to the other side of this
Island. They have a Country home over there.
I am not going as I was over there not long ago.
The Judd are very kind to me, and I am living
with them. You must have Thig bring James
Judd out to Waiau again soon. It is through
him that Mr. & Mrs. Judd are having me here.
You must do all you can to make it pleasant
for him. I don't know how much longer I will
be in Honolulu, but not long if I don't get some
thing to do. Well, I will stop for now. I want to
take a short walk. Am. 11. I took a walk and had a
good swim in the ocean. I don't know of anything
that has happend that I can tell you. This
week I shall do my best to get some thing to do.

I have not given up yet, but will have to before long. I am in hopes to report in my next letter that I am settled some where. I don't think I have ever been where the people are so funny as they are here. I will talk with this man, and that one, and they say "I hope you will find some thing, for we want just such young men like you." If they want me, or young people to come to the land, why don't they help one get a place, and let some of the fellows that they don't want go. There are quite a lot of young fellows here that they said they would like to get ~~rid~~ rid of. You see quite a number of people in the states send their sons down here, think that they will do better down here. They can't do any thing with them at home, so they send them down here. They are worse down here than at home. If you ever have a boy that can't do any thing with, which I hope you will not, don't send him down here. This is the worse place you, or any one could send a young fellow. Well, I have not written a very good letter, but it is the best I can do this time. Hope you and all are well, and happy.

Remember me to all inquiring friends.
Give my love to Mr. Edens & Children and
keep a lot for yourself. Write when you can.

With Love.

Lewis.

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that time I will go for the coast.

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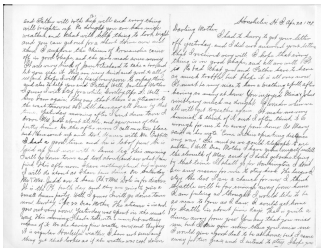

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- Judd, Agnes Boyd (Mrs Albert F.)
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- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Jane Eliza
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Honolulu. H. I. Apr. 20 / 98.

Darling Mother.

I had to hurry to get your letter off yesterday, and I did not answerd your letter that I recieved very well. I hope that every thing is in good shape, and all are well. It is to bad that you and Father have to have so much trouble, but I hope it is all over now. It must be very nice to have a breathing spell, after having so many at home. You injoyed Mina & Johns visit very much no doughT. I wonder when we all will get togeather again. It make me very homesick to think of it, and I often think it is wrough for me to be away from home. As Mary said in her note. "Come within speaking distance any way." She must as we could telegraph to me out there. Well. Dear Mother I have given myself untill the eleventh of May, and if I don't get some thing by that time I shall go for Washington. I don't see any reason for me to stay here. The longer I stay the less I see a chance for me. I think Seattle will be far enough away from home I am feeling as thought I would like to be as near to you as I can. I could get home for Seattle in about five days. That is quite a dience away from you. You say that you miss me, but I miss you more than you miss me. I would give a good deal to be at home, but I came away for two years, and I intend to stay. I hope you

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and Father will both keep well and every thing will brighten up. No doughT you are have nice weather, and that will help thing to look bright and you can get out for a short drive now and then. I suppose the Chimes of Normandie came off in good shape, and the girls made some money. It was very kind of Jane & Richard to take a lot and let you use it. They are very kind and good to all of us and I hope I will be fixed very soon to repay them and also to help you and Father. Well. Darling Mother I guess I will stop for a while. Goodby Apr. 21. Well — here I am again. They say that there is a steamer to the coast tomorrow. so I will have say all I can by that time. Yesterday morning after I went down town I drove Mrs. Judd about a little, and saw some of the pretty homes. In the after noon I call on a two place and then went up and took dinner with Mr. Babbitt. I had a good time and he is lots of fun. He is laid up just now with a lame leg. This morning I will go down town and look about and see what I can find. This after noon I have nothing planed, but I guess I will do about as I have been doing. On Saturday Mr & Mrs. Judd are to have Pt & Mrs. Dole in for dinner. It is the Pt. birth day, and they are going to give a small dinner party. Well. I guess I will go down town now. Goodby. Apr. 22. Dear Mother, The steamer is in and goes out very soon. Yesterday was spent in the usual way. This morning I had a talk with a man, but nothing became of it. We are having fine weather now, and they say it is regular Honolulu weather. I have not seen any thing yet that looks as if the weather was cool down

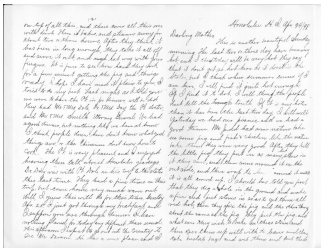
here, and I tefino it is as warm here as at home in the summer time. Today it is about eighty, but there is a breeze once in a while. The longer I stay the better I like it, still I don't want to stay much longer if I don't get at some thing. There is one or two thing I would like to know. One is about annexation the other war. If annexation don't come the Island will not be much, so I am waitting to see how that will turn out. This letter will be short as I have not been out any new place and have very little to say. Tomorrow Mr. & Mrs. Judd have planed a little picnic and we all go out to some land they own near town. They are very nice. they have some thing in few for the young children all the time. You will soon be having picnic, and then you will have a good time. I wished I had some thing to write about. Oh. I send in this letter a picture of Mr. Kitchel and myself. Mrs. Kitchel took it a few days ago. I think it is very good for its kind. Mrs. Kitchel is very lively little body, and keeps thing going and bright. I have had some good time with them. They leave for home next week, and after they go I will only have Mr. & Mrs. Lee. to go around with. I have been invited out to parties, but I don't [illegible] care to start out yet. still I make call upon the

people that invite me. I may make this tonight but am not sure. I called upon Mr. Mrs. Hamm last night. I had a pleasent evening. They are very nice, and nice in a while I like to call upon them. This is a very choppy letter. I can't think of any thing to say. I guess I will stop. It will tell you about how I feel and that is about all you would like to know any way.

Give my love to all, and keep a lot for your dear self. Remember me to all that inquire about me. Hope that you and all are well.

With much love

Your Aff. Son
Lewis.



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on top of all this, and then cover all this over with dirt. Then it bakes, and steams away for about two or three hours. After they think it has been in long enough, they take it all off and serve it out, and ~~eat~~ eat way with your fingers. It is fun to see how hard they work for a few minutes getting the pig and things ready. I hope I have made it plain to you. I tried to do my best. Last night as I told you we were to have the Pt. in for dinner, well he did. They had Mr & Mrs Dole, Dr. & Mrs. Day, the Pt. doctor, and Mr. & Mrs. Smith Attorney General. We had a good dinner, but nothing like we have at home. I think people down here don't know what good things are, or the Chinamen don't know how to cook. The Pt. is very pleasant, and I enjoyed hearing them talk about Honolulu years ago. Dr. Day was with Pt. Dole on his trip to the states this last time. They had a fine time on their trip, but come home very much worn out. Well, I guess this will do for this time. Sunday Apr. 2nd I just got through my breakfast, and I suppose you are through dinner. I have nothing planed for today any different than usual. This afternoon I expect to go out into the Country to see Mr. Damon. He has a new place, and I

Honolulu. H. I. Apr. 24/99

Darling Mother,

This is another beautiful Sunday morning. The last two or three day have been very hot, and I think today will be very hot. They say that it don't get so hot here as it does in the States, but I think when summer comes if I am here, I will find it quite hot enough. If I find it to hot, I will think the people don't tell the ~~truth~~ truth. If it is any hotter than it has been the last two day, I will melt. Yesterday we had our picnic and we had a good time. Mr. Judd had some natives take us some pig, and fish & chicken, like the natives take them. They were very good. After they kill the little pig they put in as many hot stones in it they can, and then some around it on the out side, and then wrap it in ~~leaves~~ around it until it is all covered up. I should has told you first, that they dig a hole in the ground and make a fire and put stones in so as to get them all red hot, then they fix the pig, and the other things about the same as the pig. They put the pig, and what ever they wish to bake on these stones, and then cover them up with with leaves and then take burlap bags and wet them and put them

am invited to go out and I guess I will go.
I went to Church yesterday and in the afternoon I took a walk. I saw some small native boys in swimming. They were diving for stones, so as to learn to dive for money, when the steamer go out. They begain young, and are like ducks in the water. Yesterday was the first time I have been down around town on Sunday, very much. It is very quiet. If annexation come, I think it will spoil this place. Every thing will be different I think. Well, Goodby Apr. 26. Dear Mother. Last night I went with Mr. Judd to the Social Science Club. at the home of Rev. S.P. Bissie. There was a paper read by Prof. F.A. Hosmer Pr. of Oahu College, on the subject of "Early Civilization in the valley of the Tigris & Euphrates." It was very good and I enjoyed it very much. This Society is of the older men of the place. It meets once a month, and they have different paper read by different members each time.
It my good out this way I must this boat

men of Honolulu. Yesterday I did not do much, and I can't see but what I will just have to stay here for a few days and see what the result will be in my calling upon the different men. I thought by this time I would be settled but some how thing don't come my way yet.
Goodby. Apr. 27 Dear Mother. The Mariposa the steamer that takes the mail, is in and go out every soon. I was in hopes the steamer from the Coast would come in before this we left, but I will be disappointed I guess. This steamer brought the news that war was declared, but I won't believe it until the coast steamer comes in. I hope, if we do have war we will clean up Spain in less than one time. Well I have nothing new to tell you. I am well, and hope you and Father with the rest of them are well. Give my love to all, and keep lots for yourself. I hope to hear from you tomorrow there. Remember me to all inquiring friends. With lots of Love
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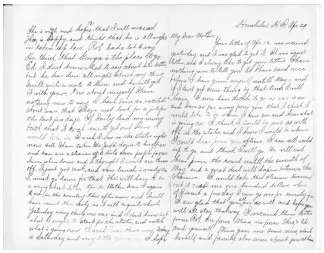

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Honolulu H. I. Apr. 29

My Dear Mother.

Your letter of Apr. 12. was received yesterday, and I was glad to get it. It was a good letter, and I alway like to git your letters. I have nothing new to tell you. As I have said once before I have given myself untill May 11. and if I don't get some thing by that time I will leave. I now have decided to go, as war is on and I am so far away from you, that I think I would like to be where I can see and hear what is going on. I think I would be just as well off in the states, and I know I would be where I could hear from you oftener. I am all worked up to go, and think I will go. We will not hear from the coast untill the seventh of May. and a great deal will happen between the steamers. I would take this steamer tomorrow but it costs me one hundred dollars, when if I wait a few day I can go over for seventy-five. I am glad that you all are so well, and hope you will all stay that way. I received three letters from Rob. one from Nina. one from Theo & Ed. and yourself. Nina gave me some news, about herself and family, also some about you which

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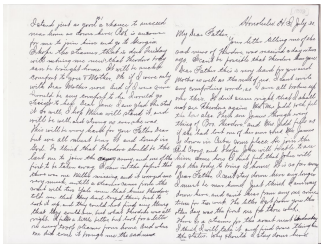
She is well. and hopes that I will succeed. Theo. is happy, and thinks that he is all right in Tacoma as law. Rob. had a lot to say. He think that Georga is the place to go. Ed. I dont know what to say about his letter, but he has been all right about my thing. I will write a note to him and he will get it with yours. Now about myself I have nothing new to say. I have been so excited about war, that I have not look for a job for the last few days. If Doyle had my money back that it cost me to get out there I would like it. I wish I was in the states right now. Well. I have taken Mr. Judd down to his office and have see a steamer off to Hilo. Some people from there when down, and I thought I would see them off. I just got back, and now lunch is ready so I must go down for that. This will have to be a very short letter. Apr. 30. Mother dear, I again is out in the country this afternoon, and I will have mail this early, so it will be quite short. Yesterday. every thing was war, and I don't know but what I ought to start for the states, and watch what is going on. I wish I was there now. Today is Saturday and very little going on. I hope

neat work I will get some thing to do, but if I don't I will go for the states. I feel as though I was too far off. Mrs. & Mr. Judd wishes to me remembered to you and all. Mrs. Judd wants you and Father to come down here, and make them a visit. Mina told me in her letter that Grace was going to teach some where in Georgia. Well I hope she will have good luck, but I don't like the idea for the girls to go away so far. I wish they could get some thing near home. We will all be scattered befor long. I don't want to leave you, but only long enough to get enough money to live on. I feel as though I have done wrong to stay down here. as long as I have. Mother Dear you and Father keep well, and we all must help you get along. I am not much good just now, but if I ever get any thing the most of it will go to you. and Father. It is hard for me to stay down here, when I think ~~it~~ how far back from you, but if I don't look at it that way the distance don't seem far. Some day, I will be back and then we will have a good time.

When I was at home I did not do have enough for you, and I see each day where I could have done more. I miss you more each day, and if I had it to do over again, I would have stayed and looked around in the states, more, before I came down here. As I have said befor if I only had my money back, that it took me to get down here, I would not feel as sad. Well, Mother, I will stop. I must write a short note to Thos. Good by. Well, I have been down town to see if could earn a dollar, but I did not and it makes me feel quite as happy. One of these days we all will be happy. I wished I knew what you are doing today. Mother you must not feel sad about not doing for me. I think it is time for me to do for you & Father. I wish I could send you some money this time, but I can't. We all are young and can look after ourselves, and you and Father also. Now this is a funny letter, but it is the best that I can do. The steamer is over in yet, but I will mail this letter for fear it will come in, and not before I get back. ~~Remember~~ Remember me to all. Give my love to all the family, and keep a lot for yourself. Write as often as you can. Will ever so much Love, Your Affectionate Son Louis



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- Judd, Albert Francis
- Judd, Agnes Boyd (Mrs Albert F.)
- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Means, Walter K
- McKinley, William
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Marvin, Richard Pratt
- Miller, Cora Wise (Mrs Ira M.)
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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Honolulu. H. I. July 30.

My Dear Father,

Your letter telling me of the sad news of Theodore, was received a day or two ago. It can't be possible that Theodore has gone. Dear Father this is very hard for you and Mother as well as the rest of us. I can't write any comforting words, as I am all broken up over this. It don't seem right, that I shall not see Theodore again. Mr. & Mrs. Judd both feel the loss also. Their son James though very thing of Bro. Theodore. and Mrs. Judd feels as if she had lost one of her own sons. Mr. James is down in Cuba some place. He join the Red Cross, and I hope John will be able to see him. Some how I don't feel that John will get the body, to bring it home. It is so far away. Dear Father, I can't stay down here any longer I must be near home. Just think I am away down here, and can't hear from any one, some times for two week. The letter I got from you the other day was the first one for three week.

There is a steamer for the coast next Wednesday I think I will take it, and find some thing in the states. Why should I stay down here.

I stand just as good a chance to succeed near home as down here. Rob. is anxious for me to join him and go to Georgia. I hope the steamer that is due Friday will bring me news that Theodore body can be brought home. It will be such a comfort to you & Mother. Oh. if I were only with Dear Mother now. And if I were sure I could be any comfort to her I would go straight to her. Dear Jane. I am glad she stood it so well. I hop Mina will stand it, and will be well, and strong as ever she was.

This will be very hard for your Father Dear but we all must bear it and trust in God. It think that Theodore should be the last one to join the ~~army~~ army, and one of the first to be taken away. I saw in the paper that there was one Miller missing, and it worryed me very much, until a steamer came from the coast with two Yale men that knew Theodore, told me that they had tryed their best to look it up, and they could not find any thing that they could hear, but what Theodore was all right. It felt a little better, but look for a letter on every troop steamer from home. And when one did come it brough me the sad news.

Well, nothing was more beyond my mind that the news you gave me. I can't feel that it is true. I am not among strangers. I had a very nice note from Rev. W. R. Castle sympathizing with me. And a great many others that have spoke to me about it. Oh! If I could only be some comfort to you & Mother. I think I will take the steamer for the coast, and find something back there. Your asking me if I would like a Government appointment is all right, but some how I can't make up my mind to stay here. I am so far away. If you could get me a good appointment in the Custom house or some thing that you think I could do it may be I would stay for a while. The trouble is, I don't know as well as you do what appointment the President will make. You are in ~~touch~~ touch of things, and the President and know better what they expect to do with the Island, better than I do. Of course if I could go a good appointment I would like it. I would rather have some thing back in the states to do than down here. I have been over the ground pretty well down here, but I

thing or opening up now. There is nothing down here for a poor boy. The people down here have every thing taken up. If one had good backing he could make some money, but he had better stay away if he has no money. Prof. think we could do well down in Georgia. I have written him that I would join him if he goes. The States are good enough for me. Well, Dear Father I can't write any more now. Goodby. Aug 2. 1 P.M. Dear Father. Your letter of July 18, was received today, with enclosed copy of a letter from Theodore. What a brave Boy he was. Dear Boy, I wished he could have been taken to New York. This is very hard for me. Father, and I have decided that the best place for me is the States and expect to leave tomorrow. I will return to Honolulu if you can get me an appointment, but to wait down here for one is to hard, and not knowing where I can get some thing in ~~to~~ that way. I would rather be near home. If I had left two or three months ago it would have been better. There is nothing down here for me, unless I had a lot of money. That is one reason I wished to be back. The

The chances for a fellow are as good in the states as down here. Of course they will make some changes down here, but not for a few Months yet, and if I stand any chance to get an appointment I can come back. If I had about five or ten thousand dollars it would be different. Every thing is taken up by the rich people down here, and they are the ones that will make the money. I think Ariz. scame of going in some good little town and start is a good one. The states will be the place to do that. This letter will go on the same steamer that Dyer on if I should go. Oh I feel so out of the world. Some times I think I have made a miss take for leaving home, but I hope the experance will do me good, and if at the end of two years if I want to I can veteern. Well, this will do for now. Sunday Aug. 3. 4-15 P.M. My Dear Father. I also received yesterday a letter from Ed. and one from Walter with copies of the telegrams. I received a Chautauqua paper and a clipping from another paper. Dear Father I wished I could

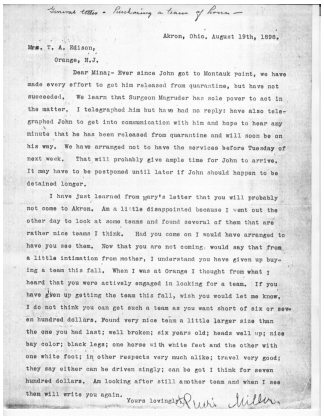
of some help to you. This is very hard, but I must stand it. I feel very lonely and far out of the world. I love you and Mother more each day, and the longer I stay away the harder it is for me. That pure and noble love of Theodore's was one that I will never forget. The letter from Mr & Mrs. Judd was full of Theodore, and they speak so good and kind of him. They have not heard from Mr. James Judd yet. The boys could not help but love and like Theodore. I am so in hopes John will find the young man that was with him up to the last. Walter put a note at the bottom of the letter that the fellow I am to leave was very bad, that John will have to give up getting the body. Do have him get some one to locate it, so when we can some of us can go down and get it. I will be glad to take my chances now and go down and help John. Poor John will miss you Dear Theodore. Oh if I can help or comfort you and Mother I will come straight home. The Phil. came in this morning with Ad Miller on. I suppose the play will go up tomorrow. Well, Dear Father Good by for now. Aug. 4. Dear Father, I take the steamer today for the coast. I will come back here if you can get

me an appointment. They are going to do some thing down in Pearl Harbor some day, but I dont think nothing will be done for a few months. I want to look up some thing on the coast about Manila and Guam the Island they stop on the way to Manila. It may be I could get an appointment down there. I am sick and tired of this place and a trip to the coast will help me. I have not been well for some time and I think the place does not agree with me. Now I will look for a place in Seattle, and then if you succeed in get me an appointment I will come back here. other wise I would rather live in the states. I only have a short time before the steamer sails. Mother know my address. I hope you and all are well at home. Now I may be making a mistake by go away from here, but I have got two or three men to look after my interest down here, and if any thing turns up for me they are to let me know. There is nothing now, and Mr. Waterhouse a gentlemen I thought would help me, does not see to care to now. I asked him about my chance in getting in and he said Why did you not do this and that before? Well, he told me to lay low, and after awhile I could have some thing. He has not done so yet, and dont intend to. Well, I hope for the best. Now, if I can get a place in the states some place I would like it, although if you think you can get me an appointment do so. I must hurry. Give my love to Richard Jane Dra. Cora & Ed. Keep a lot for your self.

With Much Love,

Your. Aff. Son,

Lewis



Akron, Ohio. August 19th, 1898.

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Dear Mina;- Ever since John got to Montauk point, we have made every effort to get him released from quarantine, but have not succeeded. We learn that Surgeon Magruder has sole power to act in the matter. I telegraphed him but have had no reply: have also telegraphed John to get into communication with him and hope to hear any minute that he has been released from quarantine and will soon be on his way. We have arranged not to have the services before Tuesday of next week. That will probably give ample time for John to arrive. It may have to be postponed until later if John should happen to be detained longer.

I have just learned from Mary's letter that you will probably not come to Akron. Am a little disappointed because I went out the other day to look at some teams and found several of them that are rather nice teams I think. Had you come on I would have arranged to have you see them. Now that you are not coming, would say that from a little intimation from mother, I understand you have given up buying a team this fall. When I was at Orange I thought from what I heard that you were actively engaged in looking for a team. If you have given up getting the team this fall, wish you would let me know. I do not think you can get such a team as you want short of six or seven hundred dollars. Found very nice team a little larger size than the one you had last; well broken; six years old; heads well up; nice bay color; black legs; one horse with white feet and the other with one white foot; in other respects very much alike; travel very good; they say either can be driven singly; can be got I think for seven hundred dollars. Am looking after still another team and when I see them will write you again.

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Genral letter - Purchasing a team of horses —

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